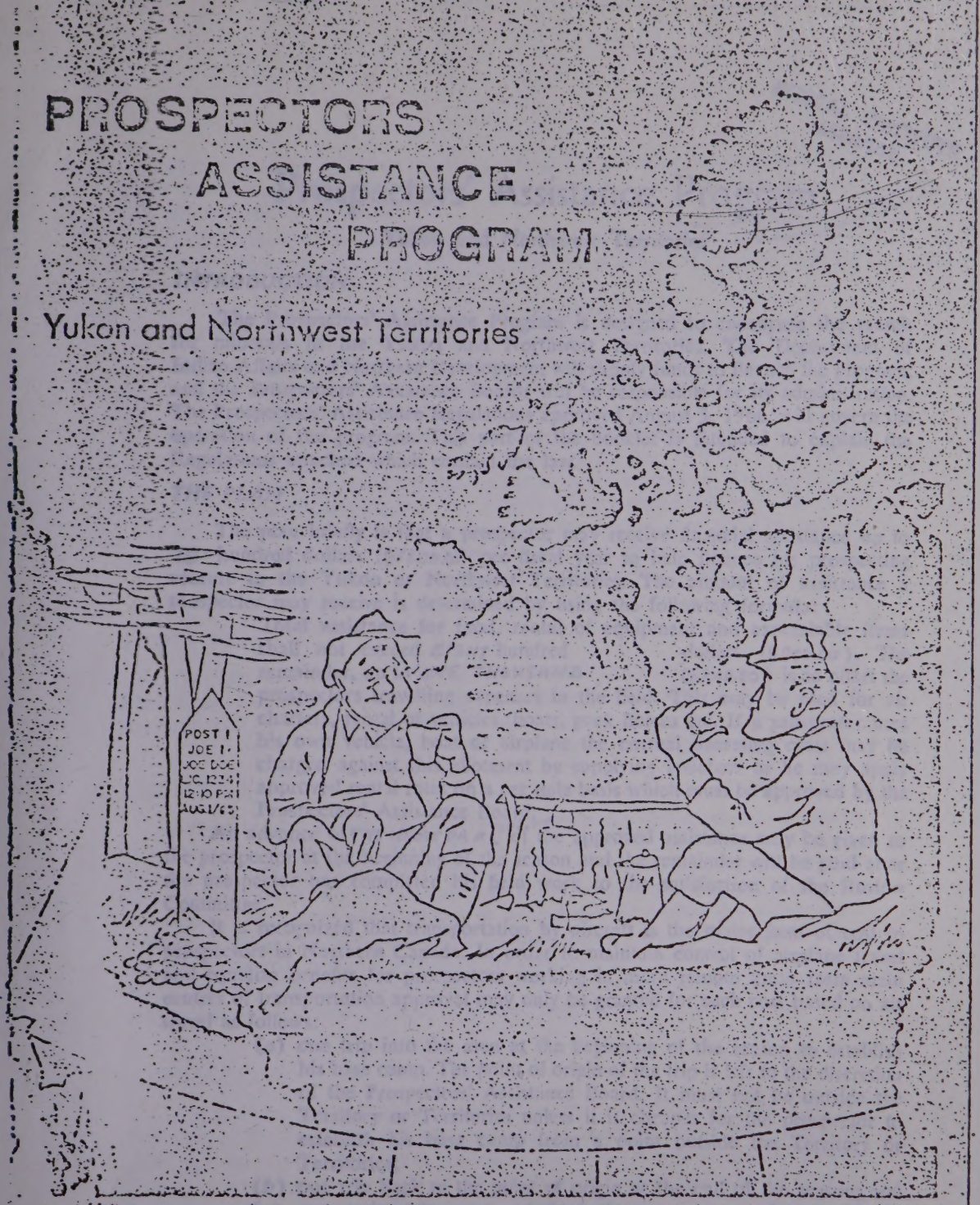
PROSPECTORS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Yukon and Northwest Territories



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INTRODUCTION

The Prospectors' Assistance Program is designed to encourage the search for minerals in the Yukon and Northwest Territories. The Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development will supply funds to finance the program, and the Prospectors' Assistance Boards will be responsible for its administration. The Prospectors' Assistance Regulations approved August 3, 1966, will govern the operation of the program. This part of the booklet is intended to explain the Regulations attached which contain the law.

THE PLAN

The plan briefly is that a prospector may receive financial assistance up to 18 hundred dollars ($1800.00) per fiscal year to help finance his prospecting venture in the Yukon or Northwest Territories. The amount of assistance a prospector may receive is determined by using the following formula:

> Total assistance for food, rental of equipment and expendable items shall not exceed EIGHT hundred dollars ($800.00). The remainder, up to ONE THOUSAND ($1000.00) is to offset the prospectors travelling expenses in the field. This may be used for air charters, rental of vehicles, boats, pack horses etc. If a prospector uses his own vehicle, boat or airplane the normal operating costs may be charged against this allotment by supplying vouchers or he may apply approved rental rates on a per mile basis which must be approved by the Prospectors' Assistance Board.

An advance of THE WHOLE OR A PORTION of the approved assistance may be given to the prospector at the beginning of the season and the remainder will be paid after the prospector has completed his field work to the satisfaction of the Review Committee.

It is recognized that transportation by aircraft is the major item of cost to prospectors in Northern Canada. In order to maintain control of airplane travel and equalize benefits for prospectors working in more remote areas from main centres of transportation approval may only be granted for such cost based on air travel as follows:

(*a*) one trip into the area at the beginning of the season to establish his base camp. The point of origin of the trip is left to the discretion of the Prospectors' Assistance Board. It must not be outside the Territory or Territories unless it is cheaper for the prospector to establish his base camp from a point outside the Territory or Territories;

(*b*) one trip back to the point of origin at the end of the season; and

(*c*) one service trip per month from the nearest convenient settlement or source of supply to the prospectors' base camp.

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THE PLAN

The plan briefly is that a prospector may receive financial assistance up to $2,000 (Canadian) per fiscal year in any manner the prospector chooses in the Yukon or Northwest Territories. The amount of assistance a prospector may receive is determined by using the following formula:

Total assistance for food, equal of equipment and equipment, lower and for crew (Crew Member Member [illegible] Yukon Territory), or to [illegible] (Canadian). The prospectors involve expenses to the field. This may be used for air charters, rental of vehicles, boats, [illegible] etc. If a prospector uses his own vehicle, boat or airplane the actual operating costs may be charged against this allowance by supplying receipts or by using the approved rental rates on a per mile basis which are [illegible] by the Prospectors' Assistance Branch.

An advance of $[illegible] may be approved [illegible] to prospectors at the beginning of the season and the remainder will be paid when the prospector has completed his field work to the satisfaction of the Branch Committee.

It is a requirement that correspondence be carried on by the field of [illegible] prospectors in Northern Canada. In order to maintain contact of activities [illegible] and equipment for prospectors we have in mind [illegible] [illegible] contacts of transportation expenses may only be granted for such contacts as are travel to [illegible]:

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(b) one trip back to the point of origin at the end of the season; and

(c) one service trip per month from the nearest [illegible] or source of supply in the [illegible] Northwest Territories.

In case of travel by motor vehicle, a rate of 12¢ per mile will be allowed but under no circumstance will an amount exceeding that calculated above under (*a*) (*b*) and (*c*) be approved.

In addition to the financial assistance prospectors will receive when an application has been approved, they will also be supplied on request without charge:

(*a*) One safety flare kit with 12 emergency flares;

(*b*) Topographic maps, claim maps, and aerial photographs for the area he will be prospecting. When air photographs are requested, prospectors are reminded to allow sufficient time to obtain these from the Air Photographic Library;

(*c*) Fifteen assays during the fiscal year, provided such assays are made within the Yukon or Northwest Territories, if there is an assay office in the Territory. In the case of prospectors working in the Arctic and Hudson Bay Mining District where it is more practical to send assays to Laboratories in Eastern Canada, the cost of assaying may be charged against the program but the cost of sending samples out will be the responsibility of the prospector.

FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year begins on the 1st day of April and ends on the 31st day of March in the following year. Prospecting may be conducted at any time during the fiscal year for both placer and lode deposits.

ELIGIBILITY

Any prospector who is able to show the Prospectors' Assistance Board that he is capable and sufficiently well equipped to go into the field on a prospecting venture may make application for financial assistance under the program. Any one prospector, however, will receive assistance in only one Territory in one fiscal year. Applicants must be 21 years of age or over and must satisfy the Prospectors' Assistance Board that they have a sound knowledge of prospecting techniques and are able to survive in the wilderness. They may also be required to pass a simple test on mineral identification. Persons under 21 years of age may receive assistance provided they are to work with an experienced applicant.

APPLICATIONS

Applications for assistance should be made as soon as possible after the beginning of the fiscal year but they may also be accepted at any time during the fiscal year for which assistance is requested. Applications will be approved on an individual basis but there is no objection to two or more prospectors working as a team and pooling their "assistance". Each application must be made to the mining recorder for the mining district in which the prospector intends to work. In the application (see copy) the prospector will give full information about his experience, areas to be prospected, travel costs, mode of transportation, and an estimate of expenditures. The mining recorder will pass the application to the Prospector's Assistance Board with his recommendations. The prospector will be

notified by the Board if he has been declared eligible. The Board will also advise each successful applicant as to the amount of assistance which has been authorized and whether an advance will be made to him.

For prospectors contemplating exploration in the Arctic and Hudson Bay Mining District, the application will be forwarded by the Department to the Prospectors' Assistance Board in Yellowknife.

PROSPECTING

Prospectors must spend a minimum of 60 days prospecting within the territories during the fiscal year in which assistance is requested. In very exceptional cases, in the discretion of the Review Committee, prospectors may receive partial assistance if they cannot complete the required 60 days in the field due to reasons beyond their control.

Prospectors are required to disclose, in advance, on a confidential basis to the Board, where their camps will be established. If they move from one area to another, they must inform the Board of any change in the location of their camp in order that they may be found during inspection trips.

Prospecting will include bona fide field work done in the search for mineral occurrences for both placer and lode deposits. It may include geological, geophysical or geochemical work, trenching, drilling or shaft sinking. The emphasis should be placed on the search for *new showings*. Assistance may, however, be given to a prospector who is exploring a mineral occurrence on claims which he has recorded while participating in this, or previous Prospectors' Assistance Programs. *Under no circumstances will assistance be given to a prospector for representation work on claims which were not located by him while participating in the Prospectors' Assistance Program.*

RETURN OF INFORMATION

Prospectors must keep daily diaries of their activities and include sketches and maps showing mineral occurrences, location of trenches and drill holes, or any other type of physical work performed. At the end of the season, the diary will be submitted to the Review Committee, along with maps, sketches or any other pertinent information. All submissions by prospectors must be in the hands of the Review Committee by March 1st of the fiscal year for which assistance is claimed. The diaries will be supplied by the Board.

STAKING MINERAL CLAIMS

Prospectors may stake mineral claims at their own expense during the period of assistance and the government will not claim any ownership or interest in these claims.

PENALTIES

Failure to comply with any of the provisions of the program may cause the Prospectors' Assistance Board to refuse to give assistance to a prospector in subsequent years. The review Committee may also refuse to pay to the prospector any remaining sums if the Committee is convinced that the prospector has not abided by the provisions of the regulations.

REGULATIONS

Respecting the Providing of Assistance to Prospectors in the Yukon Territory and the Northwest Territories

Short Title

1. The Regulations may be cited as the *Prospectors' Assistance Regulations.*

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations,

(*a*) "assisted prospector" means a prospector to whom assistance is provided under these Regulations;

(*b*) "Board" means

(i) in relation to matters pertaining to assistance to prospectors prospecting or intending to prospect in the Yukon Territory, the Prospectors' Assistance Board established under section 6, and

(ii) in relation to matters pertaining to assistance to prospectors prospecting or intending to prospect in the Northwest Territories, the Prospectors' Assistance Board established under section 7;

(*c*) "Chief" means the Chief of the Resource Management Division of the Department;

(*d*) "Department" means the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development;

(*e*) "field work" means the work performed in the search for occurrences of placer or lode mineral deposits; and

(*f*) "fiscal year" means the period beginning on and including the 1st day of April in any year and ending on and including the 31st day of March in the year following.

Application

3. These Regulations apply only to prospectors prospecting or intending to prospect in the Yukon Territory or the Northwest Territories.

Application for Assistance

4. (1) Every prospector requesting financial assistance under these Regulations shall submit to the Mining Recorder for the area in which he intends to prospect an application on a form prescribed by the Chief and containing

(*a*) particulars of the applicant's prospecting experience;

(*b*) a description of the area or areas in which the applicant intends to prospect;

(*c*) particulars of the applicant's intended method of transportation and an estimate of his expected travel expenses; and

(*d*) the applicant's age.

(2) Each Mining Recorder shall forward all applications submitted to him pursuant to subsection (1) to the Board with his recommendations.

5. No prospector under the age of 21 years is eligible for assistance under these Regulations unless he intends to carry out field work in the company of an experienced prospector who is 21 years of age or older.

Prospectors' Assistance Boards

6. A Prospectors' Assistance Board is hereby established for the Yukon Territory consisting of

(*a*) the Supervising Mining Recorder for the Yukon Territory, who shall be Chairman of the Board;

(*b*) the Mining Inspector;

(*c*) the Resident Geologist; and

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(*d*) not more than two other members, to be appointed by the Chief from among the nominees of mining or prospecting associations that are active in the Yukon Territory and acceptable to the Chief.

7. A Prospectors' Assistance Board is hereby established for the Northwest Territories consisting of

(*a*) the Mining Recorder for the Mackenzie Mining District, who shall be Chairman of the Board;

(*b*) the Mining Inspector;

(*c*) the Resident Geologist; and

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(*d*) not more than two other members, to be appointed by the Chief from among the nominees of mining or prospecting associations that are active in the Northwest Territories and acceptable to the Chief.

Duties of the Board

8. (1) The Board shall

(*a*) consider each application for assistance and determine the amount of financial aid required by each applicant;

(*b*) where it deems necessary, require an applicant to take a simple test to establish his knowledge of prospecting; and

(*c*) approve or reject any application, as it sees fit.

(2) The Board shall advise each applicant of the disposition of his application and in the case of a successful applicant advise him of the amount of assistance that has been recommended, and whether an advance has been recommended to be made to him.

9. In calculating the amount of assistance to be recommended in respect of a prospector, the Board shall allow

(*a*) for all expenses, other than travelling expenses, a sum not exceeding $800.00; and

(*b*) for travelling expenses, a sum not exceeding $1000.00.

10. The Chairman of the Board shall, pursuant to the recommendation of the Board, authorize the granting of assistance to a prospector

(*a*) at the beginning of the prospecting season, THE WHOLE OR A PORTION of the recommended amount; and

(*b*) at the end of the prospecting season, of an amount not exceeding the balance of the amount recommended by the Board, or such part thereof as may be sufficient, in the opinion of the appropriate Review Committee, to reimburse the prospector for his field work expenses.

11. The Board shall

(*a*) arrange for a Mining Engineer of the Department, the Resident Geologist or both to visit each assisted prospector in the field and provide supervision and technical assistance to each such prospector; and

(*b*) keep records of all payments to prospectors made in each fiscal year.

Review Committees

12. The Chairman of the Board, the Mining Inspector and the Resident Geologist in each Territory constitute a Review Committee in their respective territories and shall

(*a*) review all statements of expenditures, diaries or other information submitted by each assisted prospector as evidence of his prospecting activities;

(*b*) recommend reimbursement to any assisted prospector at the end of the prospecting season if such reimbursement, in its opinion, is necessary; and

(*c*) send annually to the Chief copies of the documents described in paragraphs (*b*) to (*d*) of section 13.

Requirements for Assistance

13. Each assisted prospector shall

(*a*) spend not less than sixty days prospecting within the area described in his application for assistance during the fiscal year for which he applied for assistance;

(*b*) keep a daily diary of his activities in a form prescribed by the Chief;

(*c*) keep sketches and maps showing mineral occurrences, location of trenches and drill holes and any other type of field work performed within the area prospected by him; and

(*d*) submit to the appropriate Review Committee at the end of the prospecting season the diary, sketches and maps described in paragraphs (*b*) and (*c*) and a statement of his expenditures together with supporting documents.

Failure to Comply

14. (1) It shall be a condition of every grant of assistance to a prospector under these Regulations that if he fails to comply with paragraph (*a*) of section 13, any advance of moneys received by him pursuant to paragraph (*a*) of section 10 shall, subject to subsection (2), be repaid by him to Her Majesty.

(2) If the Committee is satisfied that sixty days prospecting could not be completed by an assisted prospector due to reasons beyond his control, the Committee may approve the retention by the prospector of any amount already paid to him and the payment of such further amount as the Committee may deem fit.

General

15. Assistance shall not be granted to a prospector under these Regulations if he is engaged in performing representation work on mineral claims unless such claims were located by him during a period in which he was receiving assistance under these Regulations or under any previous prospectors' assistance program.

16. The Chairman of the Board may, upon request by any assisted prospector, authorize that that prospector be loaned a mineral testing kit and be supplied, without charge, with

(*a*) a safety flare kit;

(*b*) air photographs for the area he intends to prospect;

(*c*) topographic and mineral claim maps for the area he intends to prospect; and

(*d*) 15 assay coupons.

17. No prospector shall in any fiscal year be granted assistance under these Regulations in both Territories.

CANADA

PRIVY COUNCIL • CONSEIL PRIVÉ

P.C. 1976-1505
22 June, 1976

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL IN COUNCIL, on the recommendation of the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, pursuant to Vote 35a of Appropriation Act No. 4, 1975, is pleased hereby to amend the Prospectors' Assistance Regulations made by Order in Council P.C. 1966-1474 of 3rd August, 1966, as amended, in accordance with the schedule hereto.

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SCHEDULE

1. Section 9 of the Prospectors' Assistance Regulations is revoked and the following substituted therefor:

"9. In calculating the amount of assistance to be recommended to a prospector, the Board may allow

(a) for all expenses, other than travelling expenses, a sum not exceeding $800.00; and

(b) for travelling expenses, a sum not exceeding $1,000.00."

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2. Paragraph 10(a) of the said Regulations is revoked and the following substituted therefor:

"(a) at the beginning of the prospecting season, the whole or a portion of the recommended amount; and"

IN THE MATTER of the Appropriation Acts and

IN THE MATTER of the Prospectors' Assistance Regulations

Application for Prospectors' Assistance

To the Mining Recorder ..... Mining District

Yukon Territory - Northwest Territories

I, ... of .....

..... (City, town, settlement or Post Office)

..... (Territory/Province), hereby apply for financial assistance for the purpose of conducting bona fide prospecting activity in the ..... Mining District of the Yukon/Northwest Territories for the fiscal year 19.... to 19.....

My mailing address is as follows: .....

.....

My telephone number in ..... (city, town, settlement) is .....

Age ..... Physical and / or mental defects .....

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Do such defects affect your ability to prospect? .....

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Character references (please give name, occupation or position, and address):

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My business or occupation is .....

Prospecting experience and training (including knowledge and experience in other businesses and occupations that would be of aid in prospecting):

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Details of the prospecting activity I intend to undertake, beginning on or about the ..... day of ..... 19..... (attach sketch map of the area(s) you wish to prospect, the proposed location(s) of your base camp(s) and explain the methods and procedures you intend to use as well as what you know of the economic possibilities of the area(s) or the prospect(s) on which you wish to work, in a brief summary).

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The person whom I will attempt to keep informed of my whereabouts in the field is .....
..... of postal address .....
..... and telephone number .....

I hereby apply for a grant (not to exceed $800.00) of $ ..... towards the cost of food, supplies, other expendable items and rental of prospecting equipment, and an additional sum of $ ..... towards the cost of transportation including rental of vehicles, pack animals or boats.

I estimate my transportation costs to be approximately as follows:

Transportation
(type of aircraft, motor vehicle, boat, pack animals etc., and the estimated period of charter or rental)

Estimated Cost $.....

NOTE: If two or more prospectors combine efforts, each applicant should indicate his share of the above costs and name the other partner(s). Furthermore, an inexperienced applicant must name the prospector whom he will accompany, and his share of the above costs.

If advance is requested please state amount $ .....

.....
Applicant's Signature

Received by the Prospectors' Assistance Board this ..... day of ..... 19.....

STATUTORY DECLARATION

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To wit:

IN THE MATTER OF THE

Prospectors' Assistance Regulations

I, _____

of _____

in the _____

declare as follows:

1. That I am the prospector who signed the application for Prospectors' Assistance dated the _____ day of _____, 19____

2. That I have incurred the following expenses:

(a) I spent for food for _____ months $_____ per month, that is in the aggregate $_____

(b) I purchased the following equipment at the following prices: (see attached receipts

_____

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(c) I spent the following sums as travelling expenses on the following trips: (see (attache (receipt

_____

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(d) In addition I have incurred the following expenses (such as rental of equipment, fuel explosives and other expendable items): (see (attached (receipts

_____

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I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath and by virtue of the Canada Evidence Act.

Declared before me

at _____

in the _____

this _____ day of _____ 19____

_____

_____

Commissioner for Oaths or Notary Public

in and for _____

YUKON TERRITORY

PROSPECTORS' ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Requirements of the Participants:

- Pass rock/mineral identification test and/or produce satisfactory evidence of having a sound knowledge of prospecting techniques.

- 60 days must be spent prospecting in only the approved area(s).

- Daily diary must be maintained and turned in at the end of the season. Assistance is being provided on the basis that adquate returns are received and diary shows detail, i.e. where work was done relative to a camp identified on a map, rock types and mineralization should be stated even where these entries are the same or nearly the same day after day. Do not show "Just prospected around camp" or Prospected in a certain area for _____ days" as this is not adequate.

- One diary is okay if two or more partners work together although attached Statutory Declaration being a statement of expenses with receipts, etc., and affidavits duly sworn must be received from each partner as soon as possible after completion of contract.

- Receipts are not required for food and seasonally expendable supplies, etc. as up to $800.00 may be allowed for providing a person spends 60 days prospecting, but receipts are required for non expendable equipment and transportation, including use of one's own vehicles, boats, etc. for which a mileage rate of up to 25¢ per mile may be allowed for necessary travel in the Yukon Territory. A Statutory Declaration form should be filed with the Claim showing where from and to the mileage was incurred.

- Items such as mineral testing kit, flare kit, unused Assay Coupons, must be turned in with the Diary, statement of claim, receipts and affidavit at the end of the season.

Conditions

- Maximum contract allotment can be up to $1,800.00 but not necessarily $1,800.00. Only a reasonable amount is approved for transportation expenses.

- Advances may be given up to the total allotment if approved by the Board which is not usually done.

- Final payment of balance of allotment is made only if the Board is satisfied that the terms of the P.A.P. agreement are complied with. Otherwise, the return of any advance issued may be requested by the Prospectors' Assistance Board.

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